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The Hondo reservoir.

What do you think of the Dallas road?

There are great things in store for Roswell.

There is snow and zero weather in the north.

Would it surprise you if this congress should admit New Mexico to statehood?

It is expected that the new democratic city administration will take up the reins of municipal government tomorrow.

With a direct road to Dallas and the east, and a direct road to Santa Fe and the west, and the Hondo reservoir under way, why shouldn't Roswell prosper?

The Republicans have chosen the longest days of the year for the deliberations of their national convention. They know they have a hard task before them.

President Roosevelt in pushing "Dr. Wood" over the heads of the great generals of our army is permitting personal friendship to take the place of public duty.

Hon. G. A. Richardson, Ex-Governor Prince, Delegate Rodey, and Mayor Parks of Santa Fe, addressed the Committee on Territories last week in behalf of statehood for New Mexico.

Mrs. N. D. Garten, writing to the Newton, Kansas, Republican, gives the Pecos Valley section of New Mexico a fine send-off and claims that Carlsbad and Roswell are the health resorts of the territory.—Albuquerque Citizen.

The New Mexican having decided to its own satisfaction as to when the Republican territorial convention should be held, is now engaged in the delectable task of selecting the delegates and alternates. Give the New Mexican a few more weeks and there will be little left for the convention to do.

A Roswell Boomer.

"Roswell is booming as never before," said a gentleman from the bustling Chaves county town to the Journal in this city yesterday. "Of course Roswell has been prospering for several years, but recently the discovery of the fact that the artesian water supply is practically inexhaustible has given an impetus to land values and attracted new residents to the city. Several new gushers have been opened up within the last few weeks and more are boring to tap the big subterranean reservoir which is rapidly making the Pecos Valley a vast garden. The increase in the values of real estate is surprising. Recently a section of land near Roswell sold for fifty thousand dollars.—Albuquerque Journal-Democrat.

ABOUT GENERAL WOOD.

A letter from Washington to the RECORD has this to say concerning the confirmation of General Wood:

"The people here who are so confidently predicting the confirmation of General Leonard Wood as Major General, either are blind partisans of his and can see nothing detrimental to him and his interests, or reveal amazing credulity or else have a wonderful fore-knowledge of coming events. If the senate should confirm this appointment it would mortgage the army to injustice for the next twenty-five years.

Without taking into account the scandal concerning the Jal-Alai franchise and the exorbitant prices paid in Havana for granite to a firm composed of Wood's relatives, condone the attacks made by him upon Gen. Brooke and Gen. Dudley, overlook entirely his connection with the convict "Bellairs," and still the main question remains untouched. By his appointment to the regular army General Wood has already been promoted over the heads of hundreds of deserving officers. Practically without field experience, he is senior to such fighting men as Randall, Kobbe, Bell, Baldwin, Wint, Lee, Carter, Bliss and Sanger. It is now proposed to advance him further at the expense of Generals Greeley, Breckenridge, Wade, Ludington, Ainsworth, Bates, Weston and Sumner. If he is so promoted he would be the head of the army from 1909 to 1924, and would shut out of that honor every man named and in addition those eminent military scientists Generals Gillespie, Davis, Crozier and O'Reilly. General Wood may be a good pill peddler. He showed some administrative ability in Cuba. But as a field commander his experience is limited to a few days in a subordinate capacity in Cuba and to his recent "campaign" against the Moros, who were "flushed" defenceless to his guns like birds at a match, apparently that he might make a "bag" to impress the senate. If he should be confirmed what possible excuse could a senator voting "aye" make for doing so?

STEEL TRUST TO ECONOMIZE.

Meets to Settle the Details of Wage Reductions.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—Today's conference between the officials of the United States Steel Corporation and the heads of the constituent is for the purpose of settling the details of the wage reduction which has been decided to be necessary in view of the condition of the market. From a reliable source it is learned that the reduction will affect all departments and include managers and all office help as well as the thousands of men employed in the mills. In those mills employing union men there is an agreement between the company and the Amalgamated Association prohibiting any change in wages until the agreement expires. It is expected, however, that the Amalgamated Association will make wage concessions satisfactory to the company. Should the association decline to make such concessions it is expected that the corporation will meet the difficulty by closing down the union plants and running the non-union mills which, at reduced wages, would be less expensive to operate.

ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION.

Louis Garner, of Van Alstyn, Says Property is Reasonable Here, Considering Conditions.

Louis Garner, of Van Alstyn, Texas, who has been here for about a week, left on Saturday's train for home. He has been in the hardware and lumber business at Van Alstyn, but recently sold out there and is looking for a new location. He will return here January 1st with a view to purchasing property. He says, "the impression prevails throughout different portions of Texas that the prices of property in Roswell and vicinity are enormous and out of all reason." He continued, "I have found property here very reasonable, considering the progressiveness of the town and the great future that is surely in store for Roswell, and I will correct the erroneous impression when I reach Van Alstyn." Mr. Garner is a personal friend of Dr. R. L. Bradley, one of the leading physicians of this city.

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